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SUMMARY: DURING A VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS IN THE FRG AS GUEST OF THE SPD, FORMER TURKISH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT ALSO MET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED LARGELY ON ECEVIT'S TALK WITH GENSCHER, IN WHICH HE TOUCHED UPON: CYPRUS; FRG-TURKISH BILATERAL RELATIONS; MILITARY ASSISTANCE; TURKISH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC; TURKEY AS A CENTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND HIS OWN PROSPECTS ON THE TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE. END SUMMARY.

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1. CYPRUS. WHEN GENSCHER TOLD ECEVIT THAT THE FRG

OPPOSES AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, ECEVIT QUICKLY REPLIED THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEANS WERE NOT MAKING THIS POSITION CLEAR ENOUGH. ECEVIT STRESSED THAT HE DID NOT FAVOR A COMPLETE DIVISION OF THE ISLAND AND HE WAS AGAINST THE PLACEMENT OF NATO BASES ON IT. HE THOUGHT THAT IF THIS POSITION WERE EXPLAINED IN FULL TO THE SOVIETS THEY WOULD ALSO SUPPORT A FEDERAL SOLUTION ALONG THE LINES DESIRED BY TURKEY. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HIS VIEW A TOO DIRECT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT WAS UNDESIRABLE SINCE IT WOULD INEVITABLY BRING THE SOVIETS MORE STRONGLY INTO THE PICTURE. THE SAME CAUTION WAS EVIDENT WHEN GENSCHER ASKED ECEVIT WHAT THE FRG AND THE EC COULD DO TO BE OF ASSISTANCE: ECEVIT REPLIED THAT ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EUROPEANS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DISCRETION IN ORDER TO AVOID GIVING THE USSR A PRETEXT FOR MORE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT. ECEVIT SAID THAT TURKEY CONSIDERED THE PRESENT DEMARF N LINE TO BE NEGOTIABLE BUT THAT TIME WAS NOT WORKING IN FAVOR OF A MORE GENEROUS TURKISH POSITION AND THE PRESENT MOMENT THEREFORE SHOULD BE SEIZED. HE CONSIDERED THAT MAKARIOS WAS PRESENTLY PLAYING AN OBSTRUCTIVE ROLE AND REGRETED THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS UNWILLING, AT LEAST PUBLICLY, TO PUT ANY PRESSURE ON THE ARCHBISHOP. ECEVIT SAID THAT DENKTASH HAD MADE A NUMBER OF POSITIVE GESTURES, NONE OF WHICH THE GREEKS HAD ACCEPTED, MAINLY BECAUSE THEY WERE DETERMINED TO TAKE THEIR CASE BEFORE THE UN AND BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE U.S. CONGRESS ANY PRETEXT FOR LIFTING ITS ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

2. ECEVIT ATTRIBUTED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND TURKEY SAYING THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP HAD INCREASED IN LIGHT OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

HE COMMENTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF WEAPONS DELIVERIES WAS OF COURSE ONE WHICH CONCERNED NOT JUST TURKEY AND THE FRG BUT THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. ECEVIT PROTESTED AGAINST THE FRG'S PROFESSED POLICY OF

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EVENHANDEDNESS TOWARD GREECE AND TURKEY, ARGUING THAT THIS WAS UNREASONABLE AND UNFAIR CONSIDERING THE GREEK DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE MILITARY INTEGRATION OF NATO; NOT ONLY HAD TURKEY NOT WITHDRAWN BUT ITS OWN NATO CONTRIBUTION HAD ALWAYS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THAT OF GREECE. WITH REGARD TO THE ARMS EMBARGO, ECEVIT TOLD GENSCHER THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES IT WOULD HAVE TO BE LIFTED BEFORE A FULL-SCALE DIA-

LOGUE COULD BEGIN BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THIS ALSO HELD TRUE FOR THE TALKS BETWEEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH. IN REPLY, GENSCHER ASSURED ECEVIT THAT A POSITIVE DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN REGARDING BALANCED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND GREECE. THE FRG HOPED TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION AS SOON AS THE RELEVANT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACT ON IT. ECEVIT COMMENTED THAT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO HAD AS YET BY NO

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MEANS HAD ITS FULL IMPACT ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE PUBLIC REACTION HAD SO FAR BEEN RELATIVELY MILD BUT IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY STAY THAT WAY.

3. ECEVIT COMPLAINED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE EC. HE SAID THAT TURKEY HAD FOLLOWED THE PROCESS OF UK RENEGOTIATION WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SINCE ITS OWN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BY FORMER TURKISH GOVERNMENTS ON THE BASIS OF CONCESSIONS WHICH WERE NO LONGER WARRANTED. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME MORE RECENT AGREEMENTS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE EC, INVOLVING COUNTRIES FAR LESS IMPORTANT TO THE EC THAN WAS TURKEY, CONTAINED MORE FAVORABLE TERMS. TURKEY'S OWN TERMS, ECEVIT SAID, WOULD HAVE TO BE

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"EXAMINED CLOSELY".

4. ECEVIT TOLD THE GERMANS THAT HE THOUGHT TURKEY PROVIDED AN IDEAL LOCUS FOR BOTH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COMBINING ARAB CAPITAL AND EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY. GENSCHER EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN THIS AND ASKED ECEVIT TO SET IT FORTH IN WRITING.

5. ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD TRY TO FORM ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, ECEVIT SAID THAT HE WOULD IF AT THE SAME TIME THE TURKISH PARTIES AGREED TO ACCEPT ADVANCE ELECTIONS. WITHOUT SUCH AN ASSURANCE, HE WOULD SEE LITTLE POINT IN MAKING THE EFFORT. IT SEEMED CLEAR TO THE GERMANS THAT ECEVIT CONSIDERS THAT TIME IS WORKING AGAINST HIM AND THAT NEW ELECTIONS, FROM HIS STANDPOINT, CANNOT TAKE PLACE TOO SOON.

6. FRG AUTHORITIES WERE BOTH NERVOUS AND SOMEWHAT EMBARASSED ABOUT ECEVIT'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH GROUPS OF TURKISH WORKERS AND, IN EFFECT (AS OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE PUT IT), HOLD RALLIES. IN THE EVENT, HOWEVER, ECEVIT DID HOLD AT LEAST THREE SUCH MEETINGS, IN HAMBURG, RECKLINGHAUSEN, AND MUNICH.

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